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## **Tim Stevens Wins Service to Garner Award**

Tim Stevens has won the 2014 James R. Stevens Service to Garner Award. He will be honored at an award ceremony held at the Aug. 19 Town Council meeting.

Stevens, a longtime sportswriter with the News & Observer who is a member of the N.C. High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame, helped create the award-winning Broadway Voices series at Garner Performing Arts Center. The series brings top-shelf Broadway talent to Garner for a fraction of the cost to see a performance on Broadway in New York City.

Stevens has supported the Garner Veterans Memorial Committee by writing articles to promote the memorial, and this year, he organized the inaugural Garner Veterans Memorial Salute to the Troops performance by forging a partnership between the memorial committee and the Town of Garner.

Last year, Stevens contributed material to Garner's written application to become an All-America City.

Stevens has resided in Garner his entire life. In high school, he began writing articles for the now-defunct Raleigh Times, often promoting Garner through his articles. In addition to his sportswriting career, Stevens has written a host of plays, skits and articles and has been a guest speaker for many local churches and civic groups. He has contributed to several local churches by writing and directing plays on the history of their church or other topics.

Nominees for the James R. Stevens Service to Garner Award can be anyone who has made substantial,

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outstanding contributions to Garner over a period of years. Emphasis is placed on service rendered over an extended period of time rather than just what has been done in the preceding 12 months. Preference is given to nominees with 20-plus years of service, in keeping with James R. Stevens' tradition of service spanning decades.

Stevens was selected by a panel of judges that included Town officials, a Garner Chamber of Commerce representative, a Stevens family member and other members of the community.

Stevens will receive an engraved plaque, and an engraved plate bearing his name will be added to the plaque honoring previous winners that is displayed at Town Hall.

For more information on the James R. Stevens Service to Garner Award, please contact Deputy Town Clerk Kim Moffett at (919) 773-4456 or [kmoffett@garnernc.gov](mailto:kmoffett@garnernc.gov).

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